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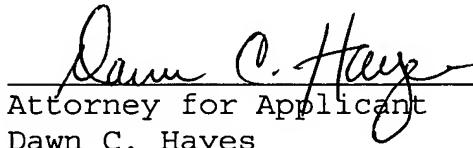
REMARKS

The specification is being amended to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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Mark-up Version Of The Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, lines 22-29 as shown below:

"The sample tab as described herein may be used within a spectrophotometer using standard methods as known in the art, for example as disclosed in US 5,846,492, US 6,268,910, WO 98/39634 (all of which are incorporated herein by reference). These references disclose the spectrophotometric analysis of a biological fluid within a plastic or polyethylene container, for example blood bag tubing [(US 6,28,910)] (US 6,268,910), or a pipette tip (WO 98/39634; US 5,846,492). However, it is to be understood that the sample tab as described herein may be readily adapted for other analytical uses including microscopic analysis."